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RECENT SOVIET PRESS REFERENCES TO THE NORTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT

On 27 July 54, Krasnaya Zvezda, the organ of the Ministry of Defense USSR, mentioned the Northern Military District (Severnnyy voyennyi okrug) for the third time within recent months. The article, which concerned the results of the All-Army Marksmanship Competition held in L'vov, condemned the lack of training of participants from the White Sea (Belomorskiy), Northern, Volga, and South Ural Military Districts. This mention of the White Sea Military District eliminates the possibility that its designation might have been changed to "Northern," but it is still possible that the Arkhangel'sk Military district -- which has not been mentioned in the press for at least a year -- may now be known as the Northern Military District.

A previous reference to the Northern Military District was made in Krasnaya Zvezda of 7 May 1954 when the district newspaper Patriot Rodiny was criticized. The Military Exchange System (voyentorg) of the Northern Military District was criticized in an 11 June 1954 Krasnaya Zvezda article that discussed the poor distribution of political posters.

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